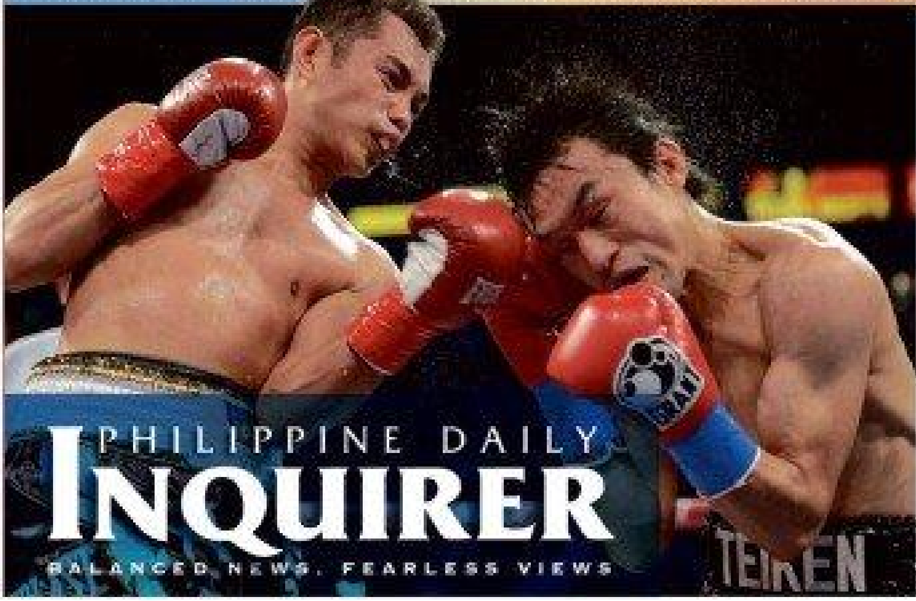
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Donaire stops foe in ninth

By Marc Anthony Reyes

CARSON CITY, California—Just when Nonito Donaire Jr. seemed headed for another lackluster championship win, the Filipino Flash delivered the kind of victory that should now make him a sought-after ring gladiator.

Donaire fired a short but vicious right straight to the jaw that toppled Japanese Toshiaki Nishioka in the ninth round to win by technical knockout and retain his World Boxing Organization (WBO) super bantamweight title on Saturday night (Manila time).

DONAIRE A22

KNOCKDOWN Nonito Donaire of the Philippines knocks down Toshiaki Nishioka of Japan with a punch in the ninth round during their WBO super bantamweight title fight at Home Depot Center in Carson, California. Donaire won by a ninth round TKO. AP

Hopes soar in Mindanao

MILF leaders in Manila for signing of peace deal

By Aquiles Z. Zonio in Camp Darapanan, Maguindanao and Michael Lim Ubac in Manila

HUNDREDS of Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) rebels are marching on a flag-bedecked dirt road leading to their headquarters at Camp Darapanan in Maguindanao to celebrate today's signing of a framework agreement calling for the creation of a Bangsamoro.

"We are holding a party to show our support to the peace deal," said Kongan Asim, who joined the MILF after it broke away from the Nur Misuari-led Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) in 1982.

Mohammad Nasif, the camp commander, said he expected 2,500 MILF fighters to descend on the camp, and some of its 150 ground commanders to speak at a decorated stage to celebrate the occasion.

Murad Ebrahim, the MILF chief, in a statement issued on the eve of the signing, called the agreement a "milestone victory of peace and justice over war and continuous conflict."

HOPES A17

An official end to MILF rebellion / A17



HIJAB RUN Muslim women and Army women personnel join the "Hijab Run" along Edsa in Quezon City to express support for the peace framework agreement set to be signed today by the chief negotiators of the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) in Malacañang.

'Daang matuwid' strategy scrutinized

By Amando Doronila

(First of two parts)

CANBERRA—The Aquino administration's primary thrust in eradicating corruption through its professed no-short (straight path) strategy came under rigorous academic scrutiny at an international forum of Philippine specialists at Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra.

ANALYSIS

A paper presented by Emmanuel de Dios, an assistant professor of the University of the Philippines' School of Economics, demonstrated that the straight path is not always the shortest route to economic growth and sustained economic development.

De Dios presented the lead paper, titled "Reforming Institutions and Building Trust to Achieve Sustained Economic Development," at the 2012 Philippines Update conference at ANU School of International, Political and Strategic Studies, headed by Prof. Paul Hutchcroft, author of several books on the Philippines.

The forum reviewed the first 26 months of the Aquino presidency in the frame of the theme: "Moving Forward but for How Long?"

Muslim women in veils run for peace



By Marlon Ramos

IT WAS a fun run where participants wore pink hijabs (head scarves) and headbands.

On the eve of the signing of a landmark peace agreement between the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), some 150 soldiers and Filipino Christians yesterday joined "happy" Muslim hijabis (women wearing hijabs) in a run aimed at fostering religious understanding.

Dubbed "Hijab Run for Peace: Religious Understanding Now," the event, organized by the Young Moro Professionals Network (YMPN), was also held in support

MUSLIM A6

Will Bangsamoro have own police? Ping asks

By Cathy Yamsuan

SEN. PANFILO "Ping" Lacson wants to know if the proposed Bangsamoro will have its own police force and whether this will be considered a part of the Armed Forces of the Philippines under President Aquino.

The chair of the Senate committee on national defense and security also wonders if the framework agreement to be signed today in Malacañang between the Aquino administration and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) will be an assurance that no new rebel group will emerge later in Mindanao to challenge its authority.

Lacson also hopes that the term Bangsamoro, which roughly translates to "Nation of Muslims," will not lead to dis-

WILL BANGSAMORO A23

RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH

Young netizen adds voice vs cyberlaw

By Nikko Dizon

MALALA Yousafzai and Joana Eriko Medina are both 14 years old and five worlds apart. Yet, they have discovered the power of their voices in fighting for their rights.

But certainly, Medina, a Filipina, is luckier than Yousafzai, who nearly paid for it with her life after the Taliban shot her in the head last week while she was returning home from school in a van in Pakistan's Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province.

Yousafzai is fighting for her right to education. (The Taliban, which is pushing for a theocratic and obscurantist interpretation of Islam, is against education for girls. The attack on her drew global condemnation of the Taliban and support for her cause.)

Medina is fighting for his right to free speech in cyberspace.

As of yesterday, Medina's petition against the Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012, which he posted on the world's largest petition platform, change.org, has generated 6,179 signatures supporting his call for Sen. Edgardo Angara to amend the law and remove the libel provision.

"Today (Saturday) it hit 6,000 signatures, but it has been growing since September. It took off last week and then it became really viral. There were

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'Major, major changes to sin tax bill'

SEN. PANFILO Lacson said the parties fighting over the "watered down" version of the sin tax bill in the Senate could expect "major, major" adjustments.

JPE ready for face-off with nonbelievers



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Students of Paco Catholic School showcase their clean hands.



From left to right: Unilever VP for Personal Care Gina Lorenzana, Unilever VP for Corporate Affairs Chito Macapagal and Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim wash their hands with Vaseline 2-in-1 Soap.

Vaseline and partners help save children's lives through proper handwashing

Hundreds of thousands of Filipino children will learn the value of washing their hands properly as the Global Handwashing Day celebrates its fifth birthday this October 15. Vaseline, together with UNICEF, the Department of Health (DOH), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Fit for School, Knowledge Channel, and Philippine Public Health Association (PPHA), fortifies its commitment to promote the importance of proper handwashing by mobilizing more volunteer individuals and groups across the country to take part in the advocacy.

Launched in 2008, the annual celebration aims to foster and support a global and local culture of handwashing with soap especially among children. With this year's theme "Pledge Hands to Save Lives", Vaseline further expands the campaign as it reaches out to over 500,000 kids nationwide.

Imparting the value of good hygiene

Over 1,000 students from Paco Catholic School, together with Unilever employees and the Manila City government, learned how to wash their hands properly during the Vaseline Handwashing Commitment Event. To further educate the children about the importance of good hygiene, Vaseline-favored child star Jillian Ward to teach her fellow youngsters the 7 steps of proper handwashing using Vaseline 2-in-1 Soap. The students were also given the chance to showcase their artistic abilities in a drawing competition that aimed to highlight the importance of having clean hands. Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim led the Pledge to Wash Hands, as everyone took an oath of proper handwashing and made a promise of teaching their loved ones the proper way of washing their hands. Also in attendance were Unilever's Vice-President for Corporate Affairs Chito Macapagal and Vice-President for Personal Care Gina Lorenzana, and representatives from partner organizations Jan Michael Villaseñor of UNICEF's Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Program, Knowledge Channel's Head of Resource Mobilization Jerome Montemayor, and Fit for School's Communication Officer Melissa Evans.

"The simple act of handwashing is crucial in helping save the lives of millions of children who are prone to diseases such as respiratory infections and diarrhea," explained Unilever's VP for Corporate Affairs Chito Macapagal. "It has always been part of Unilever's commitment to care for the family, most especially our children. By inculcating the simple and cost-efficient way of reducing the risks of serious illnesses, we hope to raise healthy children."

Through its partnership with the Knowledge Channel, DOH, DepEd, and DSWD, Vaseline will also educate hundreds of thousands of children through handwashing demonstrations and educational videos as they visit more than 300 schools nationwide.

The fight for clean hands goes viral

Vaseline has also pioneered the "I Pledge My Hand to Save a Life" campaign, an online initiative that encourages everyone to make a pledge to teach another kid proper and regular washing of hands with Vaseline 2-in-1 Soap. Advocates simply need to visit www.pledgeyourhands.com, register, and send photos of their noble deed. Hand in hand, advocates, Vaseline and its partners, will bring hygiene education to more children this year. Various personalities have also signed up to be part of the advocacy as they post photos of themselves wearing the "I Pledge My Hand to Save a Life" shirt.

The Global Handwashing Day is part of the Unilever Sustainable Living Plan's "Billion Better Lives" program, which seeks to help one billion people worldwide improve their health and well-being by 2020.



Unilever VP for Corporate Affairs Chito Macapagal thanks Vaseline's growing number of advocacy partners.



UNICEF's representative Jan Villaseñor tells how also handwashing can save lives from various diseases such as diarrhea and pneumonia.



From left to right: Vaseline Brand Manager John Galleon, Unilever Communications Manager [illegible], Unilever VP for Personal Care Gina Lorenzana, Knowledge Channel Head of Resource Mobilization Jerome Montemayor, Unilever HR Head for Personal Care [illegible]



Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim leads the handwashing oath with host Regine Tolentino.



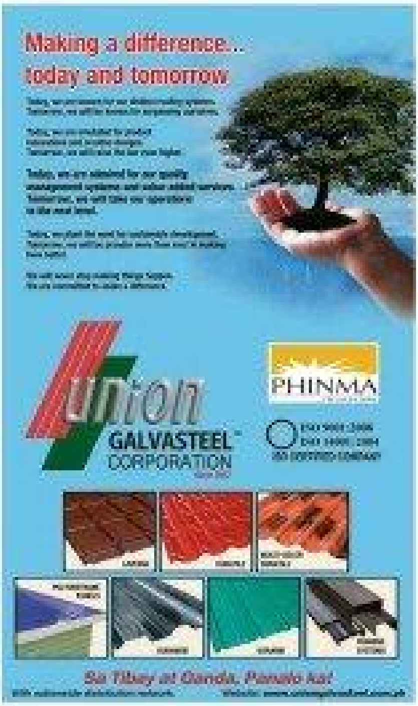
Finalists of the artwork competition pose in front of their works.



Unilever VP for Corporate Affairs Chito Macapagal, UNICEF's Jan Villaseñor, Unilever VP for Personal Care Gina Lorenzana, Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim, Paco Catholic School Director Msgr. Rolando dela Cruz, and Knowledge Channel's Jerome Montemayor pledge their commitment to help impart the importance of having clean hands.



Child star Jillian Ward demonstrates the 7 steps of proper handwashing.


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Veronica P. Atienza; 62

VERONICA "Vero" Palapas Atienza of Pandacan, Manila, and Richmond, Virginia, died on Oct. 8. She was 62 and had been a registered nurse at Chippenham-Johnston-Willis Hospital for 38 years.

She is survived by her mother Rogelia; sisters Ofelia and Cristina; brother-in-law Roberto; nephew Bryan; and niece Diane. Viewing was held at the Crematorium Society of Virginia in Richmond on Oct. 22. A memorial service was held the following day at the Catholic Church of the Epiphany, also in Richmond.

Girls learn they have 'the power' at Read-Along



Stop maligning museum officials, employees told

'Nina' still around but no rains seen

Inventors to hear Angara

Across the NATION

KMP: Farmers want cash from coco levy



LUCENA CITY—Coconut farmers across the country prefer to receive cash from the P56.5 billion in coconut levy fund that is now in the hands of the national government, according to a leader of Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (KMP).



Caravan pushes alternative minerals bill



AETA members gather in Infanta, Quezon, during the First National Negrito Cultural Festival and Development Forum.

Tribal leader laments gov't absence from forum

By Delfin T. Mallari Jr.
Inquirer Southern Luzon

LUCENA CITY—An Agta tribe leader in Sierra Madre and one of the organizers of the First National Negrito Cultural Festival and Development Forum in General Nakar town in Quezon on Sunday appealed to their invited government officials to come to the event and help find solutions to the problems besetting the indigenous people.

Renato Antonio, director of the Tribal Development Center (TCD) based in Infanta town in Quezon, said they sent invitations to officials of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Education, Department of Health, Department of Social Welfare and Development, National Anti-Poverty Commission, National Commission for Culture and the Arts and local and provincial officials.

As of yesterday morning, the third day of the four-day event, Antonio said they had yet to receive replies from most of their invitees.

"The only reply that we received was from the DENR, who will be sending an 'undersecretary as the resource to answer our concerns,'" Antonio lamented over the phone.

Joseph Esmeralda, the tribe leader, said that the indigenous people trekked down from their mountain abodes from different parts and traveled to General Nakar at the foot of Sierra Madre in northern Quezon to voice out their concerns to the government.

"They left their families and spent their own money just to make it to the event, knowing that government officials won't come to them in the hinterlands, only to be frustrated with the nonappearance of the invited," Antonio said in a voice shaking in frustration.

He reiterated their invitation to government offices to at least send a "knowledgeable" representative to the forum to answer queries from the participants.

The event is organized by the local peoples' organization of Agta Dumagat-Remontado, [illegible] TCD and the provincial tribal council with support from the Non-Timber Forest Products-Task Force (NTFP-TF).

Abi Aguilar, NTFP-TF policy advocacy officer, said they were still conducting follow-up calls to their invitees. "We hope they can make it to the event for the sake of the indigenous people," she said over the phone.

As of Saturday evening, over 900 tribesmen have registered for the conference, Antonio said. "The delegates from Aurora and Rizal are still traveling," he said.

The tribesmen are billeted at the public elementary school.

Negrito tribe leaders would discuss pressing matters that affect their lives, communities and natural habitat, particularly on the issue of ancestral domain.



Depositors of closed rural bank in Batangas file claims

Mining looms as poll issue in South Cotabato



Minors being used to spread fake bills, cops say

LP in Pangasinan slams Ranjit for turnaround

3 soldiers shot dead in Basilan



A QUARRY site at the slope of Mount Banahaw in Sariaya, Quezon.

DENR exec wants investigation of illegal quarry in Mount Banahaw

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Crossing party lines to make our people move again, President Noynoy ordered the quick rehabilitation of Negros Oriental after it was massively damaged by Typhoon Sendong on December 16, 2011 and less than two months later, on February 6, 2012, the province was rocked by a 6.8 magnitude earthquake. These twin calamities claimed precious lives, destroyed bridges, roads and buildings, and isolated several towns and barangays due to landslides.

"We are thankful that President Aquino is there to support us, with specific instructions to fast track rehabilitation efforts."

- Gov. Roel Degamo of Negros Oriental

While it was his birthday, President Noynoy on February 8, 2012 visited the calamity victims in Dumaguete City where at the Provincial Capitol Grounds – upon the recommendation of the Regional Development Council in Central Visayas and the National Disaster and Risk Reduction and Management Council thru the leadership of Defense Secretary Voltaire T. Gazmin – he ordered for the complete rehabilitation of severely damaged infrastructures and the construction of new ones to bring back economic vitality in the province and at the same time lessen the chance of graver damages in the future.



The projects were approved by the Office of the President on May 24, 2012. Project implementation thereafter started on August 1, 2012.





Construction works are ongoing for all the projects which are being implemented on schedule by the Provincial Government of Negros Oriental.

Maraming Salamat po sa mga sumusunod na mga proyecto na ngayon po ay pinapakinabangan na ng aming mga mamamayan na kailan lamang ay hinagupit ng bagyo at niyanig ng lindol.

Project	Cost
• Repair Rehabilitation and Improvement of Balugo Bridge, Valencia, Negros Oriental	₱10.000 M
• Repair Rehabilitation and Improvement of Tinibagangin Bridge, Amlan, Negros Oriental	6.000 M
• Repair Rehabilitation and Improvement of Calabugan Bridge, Sibulan, Negros Oriental	4.000 M
• Repair Rehabilitation and Improvement of Tinago Bridge, Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental	1.000 M
• Rehabilitation and Improvement of River Control and Rechanneling/Deepening along Tanjay River, Tanjay City, Negros Oriental	200.000 M
• Rehabilitation and Improvement of River Control and Rechanneling/Deepening along Banica River, Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental	100.000 M
• Rehabilitation and Improvement of River Control and Rechanneling/Deepening along Okoy River, Sibulan, Negros Oriental	200.000 M
• Rehabilitation of Tapon Norte River Control, San Jose, Negros Oriental	50.000 M
• Rehabilitation of Protection Dike of Ajong River, Sibulan, Negros Oriental	46.550 M
• Dredging of Tanagyong River (Intermittent Section), Bais City, Negros Oriental	100.000 M
• Deepening, Rechanneling and Protection Dike of Amio River, Sta. Catalina, Negros Oriental	40.000 M
• Deepening, Rechanneling and Protection Dike of Ilaup River, Amio, Sta. Catalina, Negros Oriental	40.000 M
• Rehabilitation of River Dike of Siaton River, Siaton, Negros Oriental	100.000 M
Total Project Cost	₱881.550 M

The projects shown above, among others, will help re-engine agriculture and economic development of Negros Oriental with infrastructure networks and service standards in the far-flung areas being upgraded.

"We have to dredge and rechannel the rivers to avoid massive flooding in the future. Hindi na kaya ng ilog ang tubig tuwing may malakas na ulan."

- Gov. Degamo

"The implementation of the above-cited projects is essential in rebuilding the lives of the affected constituents of the province of Negros Oriental and in the delivery of basic services to the people."

Defense Secretary and NDRRMC Chairperson **Voltaire T. Gazmin** *in his urgent message to President Benigno S. Aquino III requesting for financial assistance to repair and rehabilitate various infrastructure projects damaged by Tropical Storm "Sendong" last December 16, 2011.*

From the grateful people of Negros Oriental

An official end to MILF rebellion



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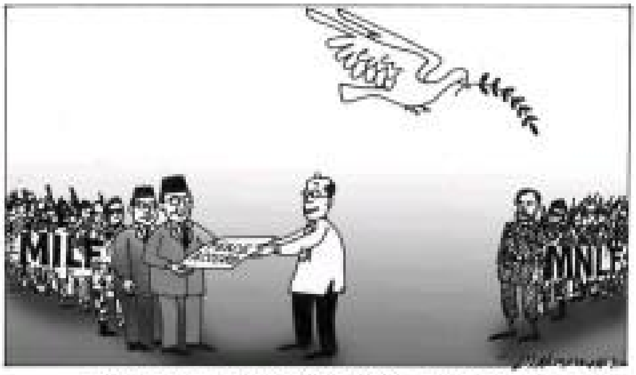
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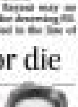
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17 HEISTS CONSIDERED SOLVED WITH ARREST

Ozamis rob gang leader captured

By Nikko Dizon

THE LEADER of the gang believed to be behind at least 17 robberies in Metro Manila and nearby provinces, including last month's heist at the Alabang Town Center, had around P1.2 million in the bank, three sport utility vehicles and several properties in his live-in partner's name when the police finally caught up with him.

During the arrest of Ricky Cadavero—the alleged leader of the Ozamis robbery group—on Friday in Cavite province, the police found in his possession three bank passbooks containing roughly P1.2 million. Also seized from him were a Mitsubishi Montero, a Honda CR-V and a Toyota Innova.

"These are telltale signs of his crimes," Chief Supt. [illegible], director of the Southern Police District (SPD), told the Inquirer.

[illegible] said a team from the SPD led by Chief Insp. [illegible] finally tracked down Cadavero's whereabouts "after a month of painstaking surveillance."

He did not give additional details although he admitted that they used "technology" and the information provided by other gang members they had earlier arrested.

Apart from Cadavero, the police also arrested his live-in partner [illegible] and two other suspected members of the group identified as [illegible].

"With Cadavero's arrest, all the 17 robberies he had carried out are deemed solved," [illegible] said.

Cadavero was being sought by the police for several robberies, including the one involving an armored van at Alabang Town

CADAVERO PAGE A[illegible]



DOG DAY AFTERNOON
A Chihuahua and two Russian Shepherds cool their heels as they wait for their turn to be presented at a dog show in Quezon City.





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Fed up QC residents send bully cop to jail



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Annual procession marks feast day of La Naval

Ozamis rob gang leader captured

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Teen shot by Taliban stable

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The WORLD

Turkey PM slams UN inaction over Syria



ISTANBUL—Turkey's prime minister sharply criticized the United Nations (UN) Security Council on Saturday for its failure to agree on decisive steps to end Syria's civil war, as North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) ally Germany backed the Turkish interception of a Damascus-bound passenger jet earlier in the week.



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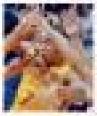


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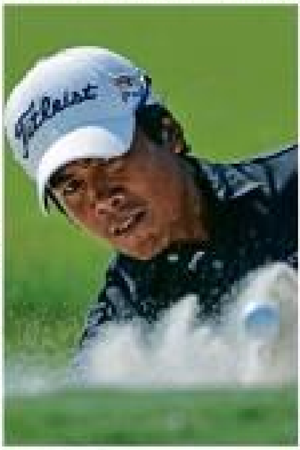
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Pagunsan falls short by 1 shot



Baby Tams out to cap big year with plum crown

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Nonito eyes...

Murray sees off Federer



EP Roosterville derby gets going Oct. 19



SAN SEBASTIAN'S Michael Juico challenges the defense of Letran's Kevin Alas (left) and Kevin Racal during their match Saturday.

Knights, Stags dispute 2nd NCAA finals berth

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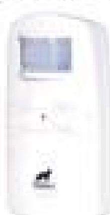
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BUSINESS

Rising connector road cost weighs on gov't

Neda: It will now take P25.6B to complete roadwork

By Daxim L. Lucas

THE PRICE tag of the elevated roadwork of Metro Pacific Investment Corp. has just gone up due to higher costs in acquiring right of way access, forcing the government to double its project subsidy, data from the National Economic and Development Authority (Neda) revealed.

According to information presented by the Department of Public Works and Highways to the economic planning agency, the government subsidy that would be required for MPIC's unsolicited connector road project has gone up to P4.79 billion from P2.4 billion.

Because of the rise in the required subsidy for the project, it will now take P25.56 billion to complete the road work. The figure is 27 percent higher than the original cost of P20.2 billion, the data revealed.

Accounting for 19 percent of the total project cost, the road right of way (RROW) co...

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Bank lending up 14% to ₱2.98T

LOANS extended by universal and commercial banks in the country rose by 14 percent to ₱2.98 trillion as of the end of August from ₱2.62 trillion a year ago, according to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

The rate of growth was, however, slower than the 16 percent reported in July.

"Bank lending activity is expected to remain robust, thereby providing support to domestic demand and real sector activity in the coming months," the BSP said in a statement.

Data from the BSP showed that outstanding loans to individual borrowers accounted for ₱243.15 billion of the total, up by 10.8 percent from ₱210 billion in the same period last year.

Outstanding loans to enterprises accounted for the bulk of ₱2.73 trillion, up by 14.1 percent from ₱2.39 trillion a year ago.

The sectors that benefited the most from increased bank lending in August were wholesale and retail trade, real estate, manufacturing, financial intermediation, transportation and communication, and utilities.

The increase in the loans extended by banks led to a 6.2-percent growth in overall liquidity in the economy, measured in terms of M3, to ₱4.6 trillion. A broad measure of money, M3 includes currencies in circulation, savings and time deposits, demand deposits, money market funds and repurchase agreements. *—Michelle V. Remo*

Toyota Wins Special Commendation At 2012 Asian Human Capital Awards

TOYOTA MOTOR PHILIPPINES Corporation (TMP) was awarded a Special Commendation Prize at the 2012 Asian Human Capital Awards (AHCA) held as part of the annual Singapore Human Capital Summit on September 19, 2012 at Resorts World – Sentosa. TMP now has the distinction of being the first automotive, as well as the first Japanese affiliated company, to be honored at the AHCA.

TMP was lauded for its Team Relations Program which has transformed the company's work culture into one that promotes open communication and transparency. This innovative team-building measure utilizes a multi-pronged approach that incorporates group training, employee empowerment, and camaraderie enhancement in the workplace.

The Team Relations Program is an offshoot of TMP's drive towards continuous improvement. Implemented by TMP's Team Relations Section, the program reinforces the relationship between management and employees by providing various alternative communication channels.

The program is built on open communication through regular assemblies and coordination meetings; organizational climate diagnosis through workplace surveys with a follow-through concerns resolution and tracking system. Aside from supporting the personal needs of employees through home visits, counseling services, and establishment of in-house special facilities for reflection and expression, members of the Team Relations Section facilitate developmental immersion programs to help employees reach their full potential, as well as promote the enhancement of camaraderie in the workplace.

TMP has long established a working atmosphere rooted in fairness, trust, and sincerity. Respect for its people results from recognizing and fostering their shared, interdependent interests.

TMP considers its people its greatest asset and continues to ensure that every individual's basic needs are met, together with those for both personal and professional development. In making people its highest priority, Toyota has produced a well-trained, highly motivated, and empowered workforce that strives to guarantee world-class product quality as well as total customer satisfaction.

Awarded annually by the Singapore Ministry of Manpower, INSEAD, CNBC Asia, and the Human Capital Leadership Institute, the prestigious AHCA honors innovative and impactful practices adopted by Asia-based organizations.

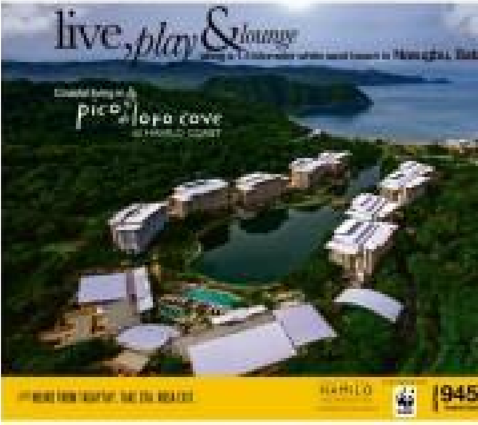
Previously, the People Management Association of the Philippines (PMAP) has also recognized the company's Team Relations Program, giving it the People Program of the Year award in 2006. Then, in 2011, TMP's innovative approach to human resource management earned it the PMAP Employer of the Year award.

PH seen as e-vehicle parts manufacturing hub

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Meralco expects profit to exceed



Gov't urged to junk ₱60-B LRT-1 extension project



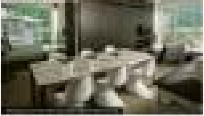
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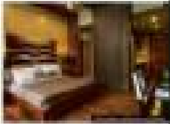


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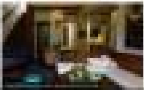


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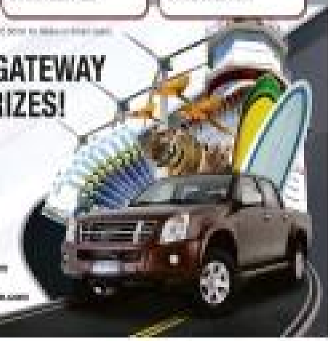
SEC eyes new HQ site in Fort Boni 'financial cluster'

Watchdog may soon be neighbors with DOF, BIR, BCDA

BIR confident DOF-backed 'sin' tax bill will be passed

Tax take to be used to improve health services

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Peninsula Garden Midtown Homes features breathtaking sky gardens where residents can take a look of the plush Manila skies



Photo shows Mr. Ariel Fermin (2nd from left), Head of PLDT Home Business, together with Mr. Dennis Lim (3rd from left), Sr. Vice President for Sales & Marketing of Federal Land during the signing of a strategic partnership between the two companies. Joining them were Mr. Raul Alvarez (left), Head of PLDT Home Marketing Support & CoMaCT and Ms. Flo Nunez, Asst. Vice President for Product Planning of Federal Land.

PLDT Home packages now offered at Peninsula Garden Midtown Homes

Federal Land partnering with PLDT Home to offer one-stop shop convenience for its residents

Residential communities of property developer Federal Land Inc., the property development arm of GT Capital Holdings, will soon have one-stop shops where residents can conveniently get a telephone line, Internet, Wi-Fi and high-definition TV services to their homes from PLDT and Mediascape Inc., currently the country's leading telecommunications and multimedia company.

Under a strategic partnership agreement between Federal Land and PLDT, the first one-stop shop will be set up at the Peninsula Garden Midtown Homes, a development of Horizon Land, the subsidiary of Federal Land, which is currently being developed in Paco, Manila. The one-stop shop will offer in just one package different products and services of PLDT and its affiliates such as wireless Internet from Smart Communications and Sun Cellular, and high-definition TV programs from Cignal Digital TV.

"What is good about this is that homeowners will have a telephone line, cable TV and Internet services already in place once they move in," says Dennis D. Lim, Federal Land's Sr. Vice President for Sales and Marketing, referring to the benefit of the PLDT one-stop shop to unit owners of PGMH and future residential communities.

"Unit owners don't also have to go anywhere to different service providers," says PLDT Home Marketing Support Head Raul S. Alvarez. "They just need to go to the property administration office, where they can apply for all the products and services of PLDT."

Alvarez adds that their one-stop shop center will treat unit owners at Federal Land developments as VIP customers. "They will have special schedules for installation and repair services," he says.

Residents of Peninsula Garden Midtown Homes could also enjoy faster and reliable Internet connection, as well as connected digital entertainment across all devices as PLDT Home will deliver broadband services to homes via fiber optic cables.

The development, which is located along Quirino Ave. Extension-OTIS, will have 6 condominium towers once completed. And with the lower heights of the buildings and half of the 2.1 hectare area devoted to open spaces, the biggest garden community in Manila also promises low-density living. Aside from the 1-bedroom units, it will also offer 2-bedroom and 3-bedroom units specifically designed for families with a growing number of kids.

Its elegant design and finishing, different conceptions and affordability make the 2-bedroom units (with balcony) of the project more exciting. The initial amortization for a 36- to 38-square-meter unit is as low as P8,500 per month.

The amenities of Peninsula Garden Midtown Homes also make it a kid-friendly community. There is a 25-meter lap pool, and toddler pools and children's swimming pool, a play area, and a game room, daycare center and kid's zone.

Other amenities provide adults an active lifestyle without having to leave the community's premises. These are the swimming pool, jogging path, multi-purpose court and fitness center. Also, there are gazebo, promenade, meditation garden, covered walkway, clubhouse, multi-purpose hall and function room, and a study center/library. For safety and security, Peninsula Garden Midtown Homes also has a well-lighted entrance gate, a perimeter fence and CCTV systems complemented by a 24-hour security.

With two main gates (one leading to United Nations Avenue via the private Garden Road and the other to Paco, Quirino Avenue thru Peñafrancia St. – PGMH residents have easy access to downtown Manila in the north or Makati City in the south. The community is also near schools, hospitals and retail establishments.

For more information about Peninsula Garden Midtown Homes, call 497-8646 or visit its showroom at Quirino Ave. Extension – OTIS (Peñafrancia), Paco, Manila. You may also visit its website at www.peninsulagarden.com.ph.

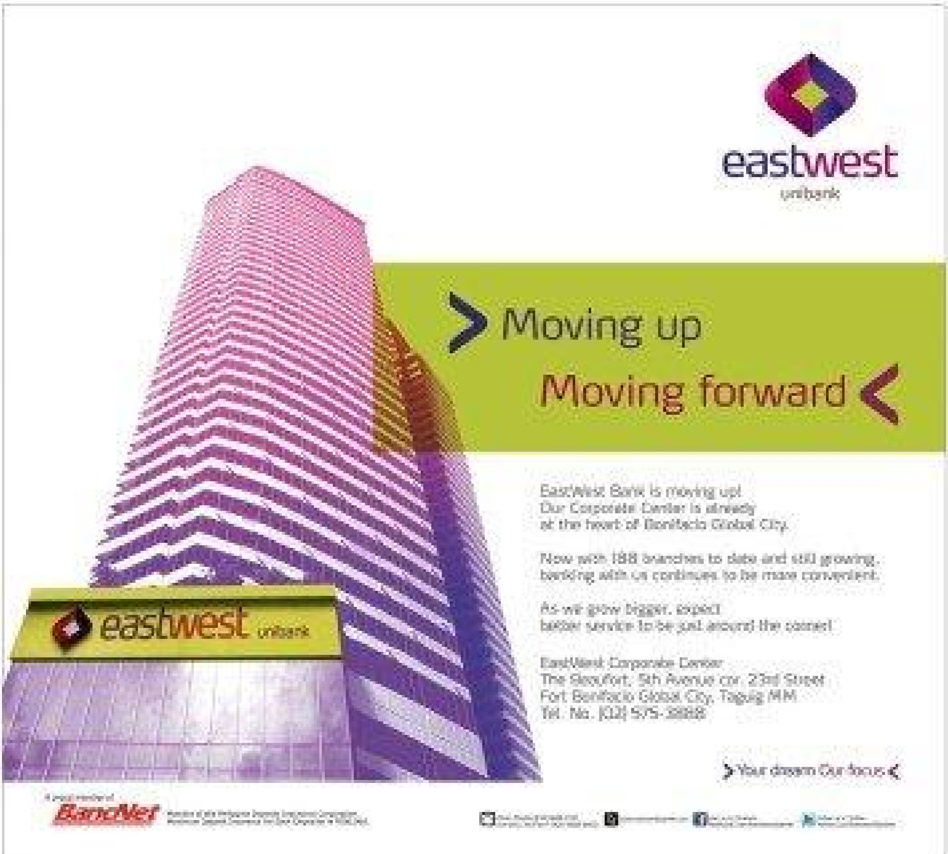


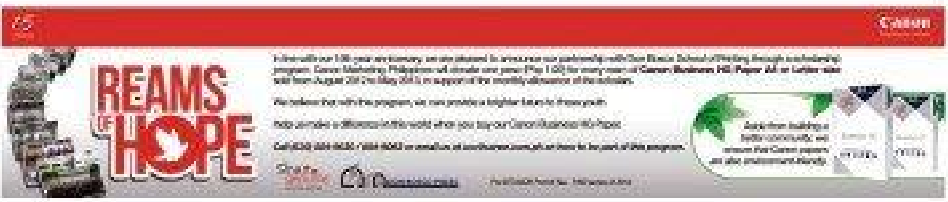
Business



Consumers seen cutting big-ticket spending

By Doris C. Dumlao





Metrobank unit eyes delisting from bourse

FMIC to spend P651 million to buy back shares



Consumers cutting spending

Inclusive growth needs robust manufacturing sector, says ADB







BUSINESS Monday

ThinkPad: out of the (bento) box

By Riza T. Olchondra

YOKOHAMA, Japan—The ThinkPad design started out with the idea of a bento box, according to Tomoyuki Takahashi, design and user experience director under the development notebook business unit of Lenovo Japan. He was one of the original team members who worked on the design essence of the groundbreaking ThinkPad when the iconic computer was created under IBM.

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TAKAHASHI with fellow designers (above).

DESIGN evolution of ThinkPad from a presentation of Tomoyuki Takahashi (left).



ARIMASA NAITOH, Father of the ThinkPad.

New Blackberry device seen to hit it big in PH

By Daxim L. Lucas

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Firing up the tablet market

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'Revised tobacco taxes: Bane or Blessing?—Part 2'



MAPping the Future

Anthony Abad Aguilar

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Breasted interest

Breaktime

Conrado R. Banal III

"NOT the interest of anyone!"

Those were the words of former President Joseph Estrada. In this, the 80-year-old JPE was reacting to the attacks in media against the Senate version of the "sin" tax bill—the attacks from the Aquino (Part II) administration and supporters of the bill.

Those JPE words were indeed loaded. In effect, he was saying that the Senate was looking out for public interest—not the interest of anyone.

Remember that the "sin" tax was the target of new legislation at the start of every new Congress in the past—without a single exception. And every time Congress would want to [illegible] the "sin" tax, the measure drew intense lobbying from both "pro" and "anti" groups in tobacco and alcohol sectors.

Perhaps JPE only referred to the lobbying. No, the Senate did not succumb to lobby groups. Well, this was the [illegible] in the attacks against the Senate version. You know—some vested interests in the Senate version?

Anyway, the Department of Finance wants to rush the "sin" tax bill in Congress, pushing for the administration version that would pull up the excise tax on cheap local brand cigarettes by about [illegible] percent.

The DOF also claims that, all told, its version should raise for the government some P60 billion more in yearly revenue, including the additional income from the increase in the taxes on alcohol products—i.e. beer and liquor.

Now, the P60-billion figure is just the DOF projection and, in fact, this projection is the main point of disagreement in the uproar over the administration-backed revenue bill.

Also, it is interesting that the DOF version "breezed" through the House, while it went through intense scrutiny in the Senate. JPE was also saying something about the Senate not being a "rubber stamp." I am sure he was not referring to the House.

Anyway, as prepared by the ways and means committee chaired by Sen. Ralph Recto, the Senate version reportedly would yield a revenue increase of only P30 billion—or about P24 billion from tobacco, which is more than three times the increase for beer at some P4 billion, and seven times the increase for liquor at P2 billion.

As it is, therefore, the Senate version also invites criticism from the tobacco sector, mainly because of what they call the disproportionate increase in tax burden between tobacco and alcohol products.

For example, when Sen. Franklin Drilon was the Senate president a few years ago, Congress also amended the "sin" tax law, resulting in the tax rate increase of P2.5 billion a year from tobacco, which was slightly higher than the P1.6 billion from beer and P800 million from liquor.

And as the tobacco sector—including groups of tobacco farmers, who also attended the Senate hearings on the DOF-backed bill, which they said would kill their livelihood—has been "pointing" out that the DOF version was also kind to the alcohol sector while punitive to tobacco.

In a way, the Aquino (Part II) administration does not want to touch beer and liquor. Hmmm. Yet for this, we hardly got an explanation from the Palace boys.

At one time during the Senate hearings, anyway, JPE asked the DOF people if they knew a man named "Bocalan." They did not. JPE said that "Bocalan" was the biggest cigarette smuggler in the country decades ago, which was the result of too high taxes at that time.

But the groups pushing for the DOF version are, in effect, saying that the smuggling issue, which was bound to result from the [illegible] percent increase in tax, is only the handiwork of—Sorry, please—the "tobacco lobby."

Recently, the DOF secretary also sponsored a conference on taxation, attended by various government representatives in Asia, featuring as speaker the president of ITIC, the US-based International Tax and Investment Center, a man named Daniel Witt.

In effect, Witt said that high taxes on the moving goods like cigarettes, which the DOF wanted, would definitely give rise to illicit trade. In short, smuggling galore! It is hard to say if the US-based ITIC is part of the evil tobacco lobby too.

Anyway, the rise of smuggling is what the Senate version says in the DOF version. It is the reason why the version opts for a gradual increase in the cigarette tax.

But what is intriguing is that, while the administration people (plus, of course, their supporters) are quick to point at the evil tobacco lobby as the force behind the "anti" sin tax, they are all quiet on the "pro" lobby coming from a foreign cigarette company.

That is none other than the BAT, the British American Tobacco, maker of imported cigarettes like "Lucky Strike" and "Pall Mall," whose executive called Hansen, in fact, even attended Senate hearings, calling for the thousand percent increase in tax on cheap local brands.

Perhaps JPE, in the words "not the interest of anyone," was also referring to the pro-DOF version lobby from BAT. The foreign group has been rooting for the drastic changes in the "sin tax" law even during the time of the past administration of Gloria. Surely the company has interests in the tax version of this administration.

It is hard to say, of course, whether or not the DOF version got its inspiration from the BAT lobby. Still, nobody in the administration is mentioning the BAT lobby in its loud-sounding admonition of the evil tobacco lobby.

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At the last P800-million IPO of Coal Asia (coal mining company with huge claims in Mindanao), reads today the stock market newly awaits the eventual listing of the issue at the Philippine Stock Exchange on Oct. 22.

For one, Coal Asia priced the IPO at par value of P1 per share, meaning, the buyers got their shares at the same price as the original incorporators of the company, which is never done in the domestic securities scene.

Anyway, word goes around that Coal Asia has been talking to the biggest power generating plants that use coal, including the Global Business Corp. (Metrobank group), Aboitiz Power, Meralco, Team Energy, Alsons Group, PNOC Utilities, DMCI Holdings, Ayala and San Miguel.

Moreover, talks also started between the company and the cement industry, i.e. Holcim, Republic Cement, Lafarge and Eagle, not to mention its existing off-take contracts in foreign markets, such as buyers in India, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Vietnam.

They are already projecting Coal Asia to become the second biggest producer of coal in the Philippines.

Its subsidiary Titan Mining Energy Corp. (TMEC) holds three coal claims in Davao Oriental and Zamboanga, covering some 15,000 hectares, with coal reserves estimated at 120 million metric tons, or the second largest proven reserves here.

Based on its market projection, the company puts the heating value of its coal at more than 10,000 BTUs per pound, which is much higher than the coal mined by the country's leading producer today.

Thus, the Coal Asia IPO will help fund TMEC's coal mine claims that are scheduled to start commercial production by 2014 and 2015.

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Business



Cirtek Holdings finalizes venture with Sony

By Doris C. Dumlao

LAGUNA-BASED semiconductor manufacturer Cirtek Holdings Philippines Corp. and Sony LSI Design Inc. have finalized a joint business plan for the rollout of own brands for various consumer and industrial electronic goods and applications.

In an interview with the Inquirer after his recent trip to Japan to finalize the plan, Cirtek chief finance officer Anthony Buyawe said that the project with Sony would kick off this October and likely yield $1 million in revenues by the end of 2012. During the first full year of operations in 2013, he estimated revenues to reach $22 million, resulting in a net income of $4 million to be split between Cirtek and Sony LSI.

During the first phase of the project that will begin this month, Cirtek will provide marketing and sales support to Sony LSI. In the second phase set sometime next year, part of the assembly will be transferred to Cirtek. As a result, Cirtek will have to build a dedicated line by 2014.

Also, Sony LSI will outsource to Cirtek its complete [illegible] supply chain flow—from raw materials procurement, manufacturing, warehousing and sales to marketing business activities.

"The partnership with Sony LSI presents an unexplored and exciting opportunity for Cirtek to work with a truly global company and iconic brand. The partnership gives Cirtek access to an entirely new set of customers, as well as entry into the design and manufacture of high-value [illegible] boards, which are used in the building of various electronic products, computers, and applications," Buyawe said.

"Sony LSI, on the other hand, will benefit from Cirtek's high-quality assembly capability at very competitive price points. We expect the joint venture to be a major driver of business growth for both Sony LSI and

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Keys to getting the right team of board directors

By Juan Carlos B. Robles
Contributor

HOW WOULD you characterize the current board lineup? A rubber-stamp board? A jackal in disguise? One that offers poor directors' pay? Lacking in insurance? One that is made up of a dictatorial chair and financially illiterate members? A divided board with backbiting members?

If any of these scenarios sounds familiar, do not fret. Getting the right mix of directors onto a board is a challenge indeed.

How can a company attract and retain the best team of directors?

Thankfully, there are guidance and best practices available.

The first step is to prevent the "bad and rotten apples" from getting into your bodies.

Certain minimum qualification requirements to be a board director are already mandated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), at least for publicly listed companies.

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One can certainly go beyond these minimum requirements, especially if one deems it necessary for business.

Say, for example, that you are considering several board appointments in organizations that are responsible for investing large public funds.

It would be plainly irresponsible to appoint a board director who has no experience in investments.

At a minimum, financial literacy/experience should be an added requirement for board directors in these types of organizations.

Beyond satisfying minimum requirements, a company should also have a clear policy on background checking of new directors.

It would be disastrous for a company to enlist the services of a new director who has previously been involved in a controversial—if not criminal—activity.

On the other hand, there is also a need to get the right mix of talents for a company to continue to achieve higher levels of performance, particularly in specialized industries.

Hence, it's a good idea to sign up a number of directors who are experts in areas where the company wants to succeed or perhaps dominate. For example, a company involved in innovative IT products may want to have a board director who is a recognized IT expert in the industry.

The level of understanding that the industry expert can share with other board members will definitely make a difference when making the proper decisions.

There is also the added problem of attracting qualified board directors.

Smaller companies that cannot offer competitive board pay will definitely be on the losing end.

Providing board director insurance is another challenge. With the increasing number of financial scandals and corporate failures rocking the business community, many qualified directors are now demanding insurance cover.

How can a company address these challenges? There are a number of options, in addition to offering competitive board pay.

A company could offer stock compensation to directors, or perhaps implement a profit sharing scheme, i.e., paying out a certain percentage of net profit to members of the board.

With respect to profit sharing schemes, a corporation should be careful in ensuring that the scheme is based not only on quantitative measures (e.g., achieving revenue targets) but also on qualitative factors (such as age of receivables, collection turnover, number of customers).

Once the directors are in, another challenge is to ensure that they understand the inner workings and operations of the company so they can make the right decisions.

A current best practice is to provide intensive orientation seminars to new board members.

Another option is to involve board members in immersion field trips accompanied by key company personnel so they can gain further understanding of the company's culture, people and activities.

In a nonprofit organization where I serve as board trustee, it is customary for a current trustee to conduct one-on-one briefings of incoming trustees.

Although the practice may be adequate considering the small size of the organization, it may be necessary to improve this practice in the future by conducting formal briefings by key personnel as well.

Moving forward, companies should also ensure that their board directors get continuing professional education. Board directors should be encouraged to attend necessary training.

The company may want to sponsor personalized training programs for its directors to improve their knowledge and to ensure that they are abreast with latest developments in their industry.

These programs should be part and parcel of the training calendar that the company designs for its employees.

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Subic power plant seen to play critical role

By Amy R. Remo

DESPITE various regulatory hurdles, Redondo Peninsula Energy Inc. remains hopeful that it will be able to pursue its planned $1.29-billion, 600-megawatt coal-fired power plant at the Subic Freeport Zone, stressing that the planned facility will prove invaluable to the industrial area and the rest of Luzon in the coming years.

RP Energy—which is a consortium composed of power distributor Manila Electric Co. (Meralco), Aboitiz Power Corp. and Taiwan Cogeneration—is still waiting for the release of its environmental compliance certificate (ECC), according to RP Energy president Aaron Domingo.

The ECC, which would effectively serve as a go signal for RP Energy to start construction of the circulating fluidized bed (CFB) coal plant, was earlier expected to be granted sometime this October.

Although the permit is halfway through, RP Energy would like to keep its target date for the start of commercial operations of the Subic coal plant, Domingo said in a text message.

Based on the company's current plans, the construction of the coal-fed facility, which is also expected to generate 328 new jobs, will be put up in two phases.

The first 300-MW unit is expected to start operations by 2015, followed by the second 300-MW unit.

RP Energy expects to sell part of the plant's output to Meralco, the country's biggest power distributor, although this has yet to be negotiated by both parties and approved by the Energy Regulatory Commission.

In a separate text message, Meralco president and chief executive officer Oscar S. Reyes stressed that RP Energy should stick to its timetable for the coal facility to ensure that the electricity requirements of Meralco are met and that the power supply in the Luzon grid will not be put at risk.

"The 600-MW CFB clean coal power plant of RP Energy at the Subic Freeport Zone is critical in ensuring power supply availability, reliability, affordability and security for the Luzon Grid and the Meralco franchise area," Reyes explained.

He added that the power distributor is working hard to secure the necessary government agency approvals and permits.

"We have ... complied with the requirements, even as we continue to constructively engage with the local government, local communities and interest groups. We are hopeful of securing the requisite support and approvals," Reyes said.

Aside from the lack of ECC, RP Energy is facing another hurdle this time from the Supreme Court.

The high tribunal issued in July a Writ of Kalikasan on the proposed 600-megawatt coal facility.

Bakatan party-list Rep. Raymond Palatino, Teresa Mojar, Rep. Teodoro Casiño, Gabriela Rep. Emmerenciana de Jesus, Anakpawis Rep. Rafael Mariano and various special groups led by Ka Bayan president Clemente Bautista Jr., filed the Writ of Kalikasan with the Supreme Court.

They claimed that the Subic coal project would violate the constitutional rights of the residents of surrounding communities to "a balanced and healthful ecology."

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The test boards will be delivered by Cirtek to various customers in Japan, Taiwan and the United States, which will use them to perform high-speed parallel testing to mass produce electronic goods.

Fully assembled test boards contain various integrated semiconductor product types such as microcontrollers, integrated circuits, capacitors, high speed, low pitch, high pin count input/output sockets, sub-boards, modules and other active and passive semiconductor devices which require highly specialized and precision manufacturing.

They are thus high-valued items produced as a result of years of research and development.

Busy LIH test boards which will be outsourced to Cirtek are used in a number of high-end applications such:

- Product testing of image sensors converting light into electronic signals used in digital cameras and camera modules and in smart phones and notebook computers;
- Logic testing of memory and DDR SDRAM chips found in motherboards, solid-state storage, server farms, tablet computers, smart phones, portable hard disks, and USB sticks and memory cards; and,
- Testing of products used to synchronize radio signals emitted by microwave repeaters found in satellite control systems, cellular network systems and digital logic clock timing of microprocessors.

After failed bid, gov't may have to scrap power barges

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RAUL S. NONOG

The public is hereby informed that the above-named person is no longer connected with PAPARTA BALI RESORTS, INC. and EL SALVADOR MARINE LOGISTICS, INC. since September 24, 2012. Any transactions entered by him will not be honored by the companies.

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DOMINICO T. SUSA

Died in the Grace of our Lord on October 07, 2012 at the age of 95.

ST. PETER CHAPELS

"I am the resurrection and life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever believes in Me will never die."

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Botong, Ventura, and the Million-Dollar Club

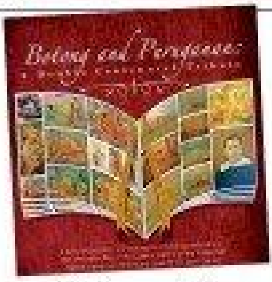


The Angono muralist is the darling of the highly exclusive evening auctions

By Scott Perry-Jones
Contributor

WHICH FILIPINO artist rules on the international auction circuit?

Epic-size paintings



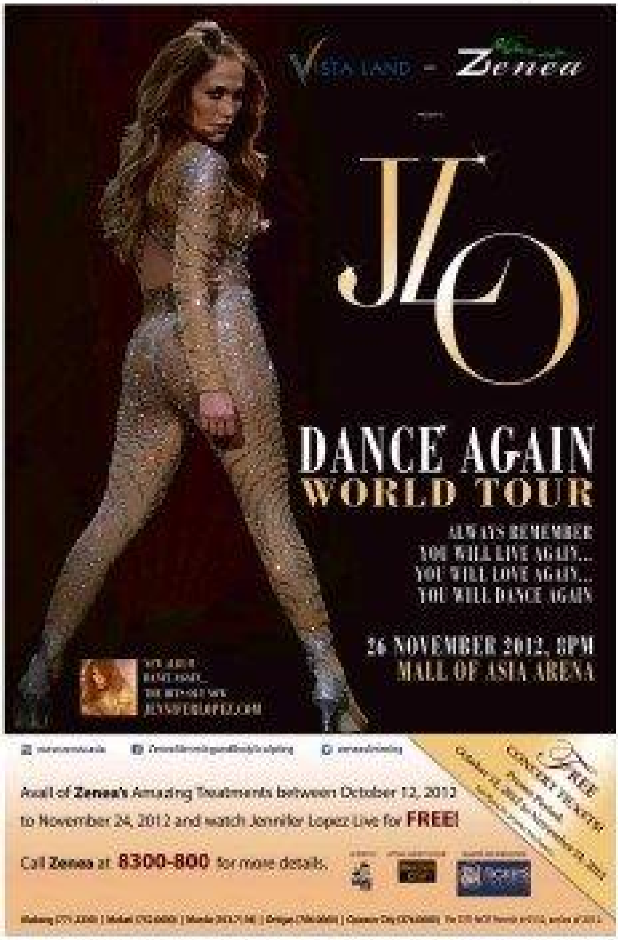
UST Museum holds double-birth-centennial exhibit for Botong and Purgaanan



'Botong' Francisco gets fashion tribute

Botong, Ventura . . .





Floods and awards: CCP's 13 Artists announced

Text and photos by Amadís Ma. Guerrero
Contributor

THEY WERE two children, a girl and her younger brother, orphan survivors. Their home was destroyed when calamitous floods struck Iligan City in Mindanao last December. Their parents perished, along with two other siblings.

Floodwaters swirled and logs from the mountains came tumbling down. The two survived by riding on those logs. Somehow they were separated, and the girl continued to cling to the log for an incredible 41 km. She was rescued at sea, and eventually reunited with her brother.

In town that day was filmmaker-sculptress Kiri Lluch Dalena, daughter (and sibling) of eminent visual artists (her mother, sculptress Julie Lluch, is from Iligan). And she interviewed the children in their native Visayan.

The two recounted their experiences, the things they saw during that awful ride, including a floating refrigerator.

"Why didn't you open it," the boy asked his sister.

"There might have been food inside!" There was also a snake on the log with the girl; good thing she wasn't bitten.

From that experience emerged from Kiri the filmmaker a documentary on the courage and resilience of the two children. And from Kiri the visual artist came an exhibit (at Finale Gallery) titled "Washed out," an installation of various species of logs (with permits from the authorities) blended with images of the sea and the sound of the waves.

She is one of the winners of the Cultural Center of the Philippines' 2012 Thirteen Artists Award, a program initiated by visual artist Roberto Chabet in 1970, when he was director of the CCP Museum.

Salvador, Tapaya et al.

The other 12 winners are Jeeq Gabayan, Marina Cruz, Riel Hilario, Robert Langenegger, Michael Muñoz, Pardo Navarrosa, Jan Leeroy New, Gabby Olondriz, Renan Ortiz, Wesley Valenzuela, Rodel Tapaya and Costantino Zicarelli.

The artists work within visual art forms such as painting, printmaking, sculpture, photography and video installation.

This was announced in a recent press conference at the CCP by Chris Millado, CCP vice president and artistic director. He described the works of the awardees as "not put in a box, fluid, vital... and, in a way, they disrupt the art scene."

Millado briefly described the works of each artist, and his remarks were followed by a video film in which the awardees talked about the artistic process.

Also presented during the press con was a prototype of the innovative trophy to be given to the 13 which, as Ms. Victoria Herrera, the new head of the CCP Visual Arts Division, quipped, "is functional and can be used for any type of emergency."

The winners will receive a cash grant which will enable them to produce new works for a group exhibit on Oct. 18 at the Bulwagang Juan Luna (Main Gallery) of the CCP.

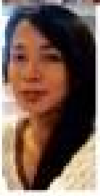
The 13 were selected from a field of 70. This year's jurors included past winners such as printmaker Benjy Arkoh, sculptress Agnes Arellano, painter Elmer Borlongan. Another early winner of the award is Nestor Vinluan ... Dr. Sion Gelafia ...

For Kiri, meeting the two children who survived the calamity in Mindanao was life-changing. "I saw how they were able to move on. Because of this, I'm compelled to share their story as sincerely and as purely as possible."

She declared: "They changed me. Their lives were very beautiful, miraculous, in fact."



THE 13 Artists awardees; at left, awardee Kiri Lluch Dalena





PROTOTYPE of trophy

VISUAL ARTS

From page C4

Works online by Silverlens

Art Fund, the annual art sale fundraiser where collectors offer well-loved contemporary art, will be online Oct. 17-20, at www.silverlensgalleries.com. It will be featuring works by Geraldine Javier, Marina Cruz, Elmer Borlongan, Jonathan Ching, Yasmin Sison.

This is the second year the beneficiary is the Eugenio Lopez Medical Foundation of the Philippine General Hospital.

The pieces can be viewed at www.silverlensgalleries.com from Oct. 17, 10 a.m., to Oct. 20, 10 p.m.

Top women artists at West

This October, West Gallery features women artists: Nona Garcia in "Before the Sea" at Gallery 1, Elaine Navas' "Interiors" in Gallery 2, Geraldine Javier's "2012 Inventory" in Gallery 3, Yasmin Sison's "Storybook Collages" in Gallery 4.

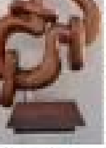
Garcia's returns to focus on the process of painting photographs. Given a particular space, she chooses to consciously fill it by painting a particular picture. Navas paints images that were based on the photographs of Canadian photographer Robert Polidori in his book, "After the Flood," which documented the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in the US.

Javier's exhibit is her way of updating and editing her ideas into a full-blown series of mixed media works.

Sison's collages are influenced by her background as a preschool teacher.

The exhibits run until Oct. 27 at West Gallery, Quezon City.

William sculptures at Crucible



"ANDALUSIAN"

Wilson William's first one-man exhibit, "Woodspace," opens Oct. 16, at the Crucible Gallery, SM Megamall. William studied industrial Design in college and has been a full-time artist/sculptor. He is the youngest son of sculptor Fred Baldemor. His first sculpture was featured at the International Art Village, Ichigaya-Nakano, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, Japan, while his latest, "Fireball," was commissioned by Fort Bonifacio Art Foundation and installed at Fort Bonifacio Global City. Exhibit runs until Oct. 28.

Lopez Museum holds forum on cyber law

The lecture, "Liberty and Risk: A Closer Look at the Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012," will be held at Lopez Memorial Museum on Oct. 20, 2-4 p.m. Florin Hilbay, associate professor at the University of the Philippines College of Law and director of the Institute of Government and Law Reform, will discuss how the new law can affect ordinary Filipinos, even those who are not bloggers.

Writer and journalist Norman Sison will also lecture. The library of the Lopez Museum will be displaying copies of original La Solidaridad, La Independencia and El Renacimiento, as well as early editions of "Noli Me Tangere" and "El Filibusterismo" from its rare book collection.

Workshop on fashion film

The British Council will hold a three-day workshop on fashion film, Oct. 16-18 at the Ayala Museum in Makati.

Fashion film is a growing trend among fashion designers and an area of fashion communication in which the UK has a leading position. It is an alternative medium for fashion designers who would like to tell the story of their collection apart from presenting their work in a catwalk show.

The workshop will be facilitated by Belfast-born Kathryn Ferguson, who's a filmmaker and curator. She completed a Masters in Communication, Art and Design at the Royal College of Art in 2011 where she specialized in experimental film. She has made short films for fashion designers and musicians such as Richard Nicoll, Charlie Le Mindu, Katie Eary, Lady Gaga and Domino Records. These films have been featured on MTV, SHOWstudio, Dazed Digital, Nowness, the BBC and in Vogue.

The workshop is open to people with a background in fashion design, filmmaking and makeup.

Lavista at Ricco-Renzo

"Reshaped," the first solo exhibition of Jenny Cayetano-Lavista runs until Oct. 24 at Ricco-Renzo Gallery, LRI Design Plaza, Makati. Lavista uses mixed techniques, recollecting on papers and canvas, a melange of images and memories that she accumulated in her travels around the country and the world.



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Shell winners known this week

Book on wood art

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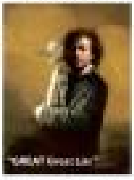


Isidro at Ayala



Half-Danish, half-Filipino boy artist at Chef Jessie

Joquico at Anna





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Sensational Australian diva debuts in Manila Nov. 10

By Pablo A. Tariman
Contributor

WHEN sensational Australian soprano Claire Primrose debuts in Manila on Nov. 10 with the Manila Symphony Orchestra at Philamlife Theater, she will have ended an 18-year drought of Wagnerian sopranos in Manila.

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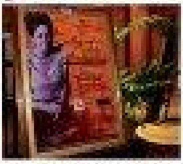
Ingrid Sala Santamaria celebrates 50 years of musical life







INGRID on the piano with the ensemble



MEMORABILIA exhibit at the lobby

Ingrid Sala Santamaria celebrates 50 years of musical life



WITH HER children and grandchildren

By Antonio C. Hila
Contributor



WITH DAME Margot Fonteyn (at the right)

Undiminished stamina

Solid career

Heart-warming event

Sensational Australian diva debuts in Manila Nov. 10



CLAIRE Primrose

Filling the void

Extreme vocal demand



PRIMROSE in "Fanciulla del West"



AS ELEKTRA

Ingrid Sala Santamaria celebrates 50 years of musical Life



SOUVENIR photo with the ensemble





French circus Duo to perform in Manila, Cebu

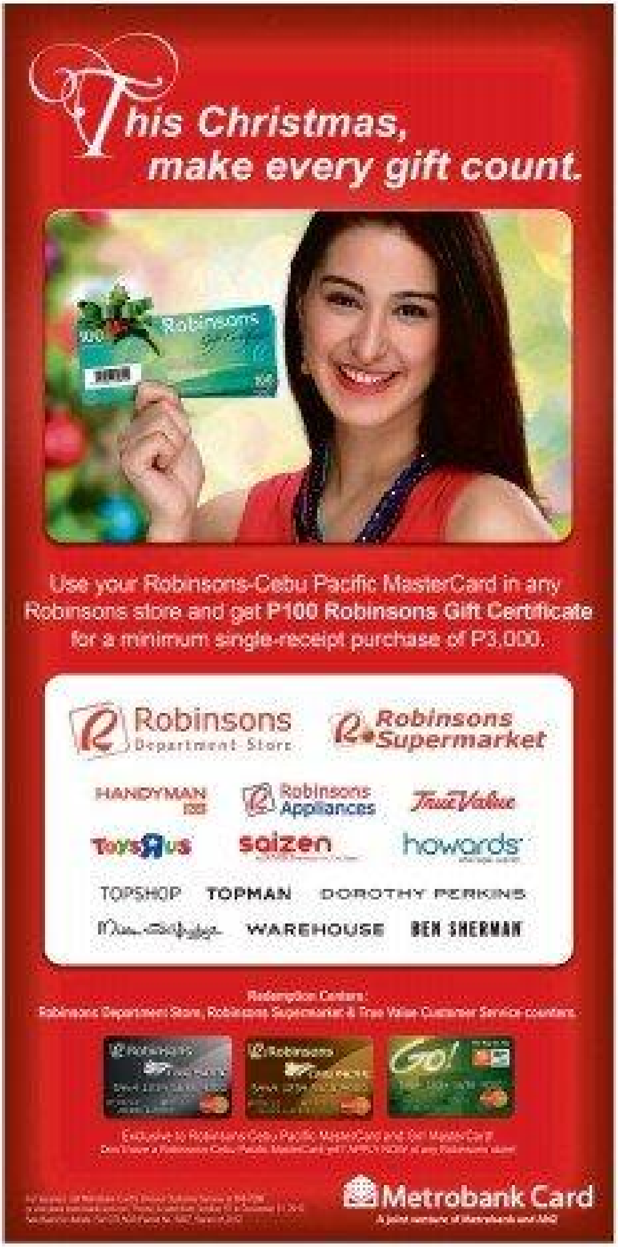
British dance company does outreach in the Philippines

Reaching out

This year

Ongoing aid





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The future of Intramuros will be built on its past



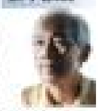
Intramuros Administration partnered with Gawad Kalinga, challenging them to develop Kalinga Intramuros, a heritage-based resettlement program that at last integrates the informal-settler population with Intramuros

INTRAMUROS is stepping out of its past these days and planning for its future. Its plan for the future, however, hinges on the realization that its future is solidly tied with its past.

Without its past, Intramuros would have no identity.

Filipinos regard Manila's Walled City as the seed of the nation, but today Intramuros has become a place of memory that is not visited by the majority of Filipinos, nor is it a part of everyday Manila life.

PRIDE OF PLACE



Augusto F. Villalon

It is an island of heritage in the midst of congested Manila.

Built on the 16th-century palisades of Raja Sulayman's fort at the mouth of Pasig River, it was the country's political, religious, economic and social nerve center during the Spanish colonial era.

Although left untouched in recognition of its heritage qualities by the 1905 Daniel Burnham Plan for Manila, which was commissioned in the early days of the American colonial government, Intramuros did not survive World War II.

Bombs practically wiped out Intramuros during the American recapture of Manila in the last days of World War II. Residents chose not to return to Intramuros after the war, leaving ruined structures and empty properties that soon were occupied by informal settlers. Reconstruction never happened.

A walk through Intramuros today is a study in contrasts, of sensitively restored fortifications and the World Heritage San Agustin Church, of reconstructed Spanish-era bahay-na-bato standing in [illegible] next to blocks of informal-settler dwellings, a style that clashes [illegible] of [illegible] colonial Intramuros [illegible].

Obstacle to reconstruction

A sizable daytime population composed of office workers and students abandon the Walled City every night, leaving the premises to a handful of permanent residents.

Informal settlers are the majority of the Intramuros population, in actuality, the de facto resident population of the heritage quarter.

Intramuros Administration (IA) has been leading the reconstruction of the historic quarter with limited success, hampered by informal settlers occupying choice properties.

Since the 1970s, IA saw the informal settlers as an obstacle to reconstruction, but relocation efforts were unsuccessful.

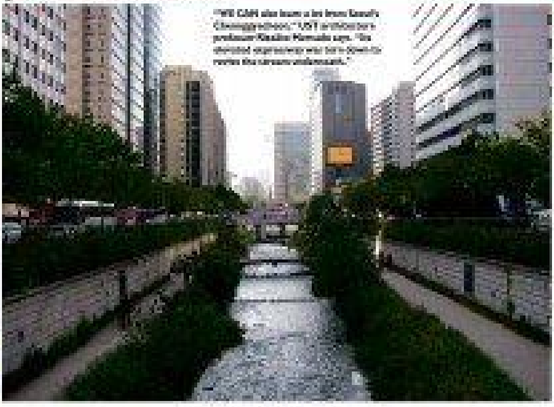
In 2011, IA organized a team of experts to update a 1995 Development Plan.

The team focused on reviving Intramuros by attracting businesses and residents to relocate to the historic district, and to embark on an ambitious awareness program that makes all Filipinos aware of the special heritage of Intramuros.

Measures that establish Intramuros as a prime cultural-heritage tourism destination through a program of activities and

THE FUTURE C2

Planning and awareness are key to disaster management, experts agree





Arbitrary zoning

Planning solutions

Education

Political will

The future of Intramuros will be built on its past

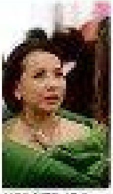


Solution to area's problem













International art fair brings together wide range of styles from different eras





Support for art and education









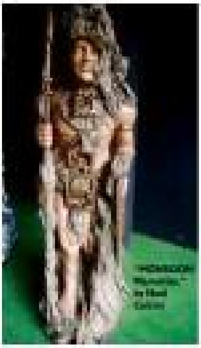


Vincent de Pio explores contradiction of Philippine-Japanese relations in new series





Cordillera sculptures on exhibit at FAME fair



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Lisa Macuja bids goodbye to 'Giselle' and 'Carmen' STORY ON PAGE F2

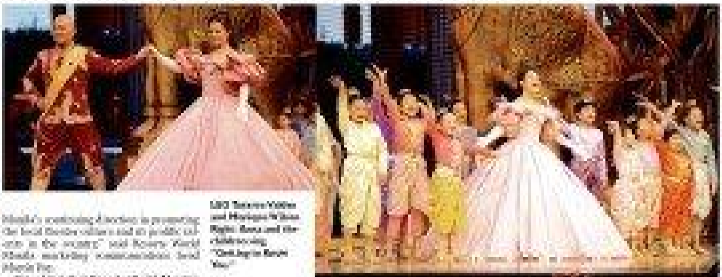
'King and I' earns plaudits for world-class production

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By Marge C. Enriquez
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Dreamlike quality

To fly away

Unorthodox subjects





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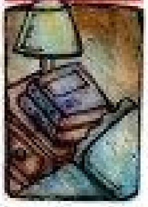




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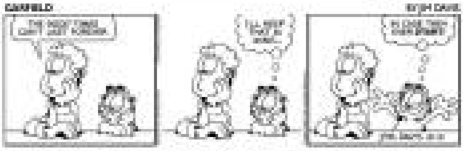


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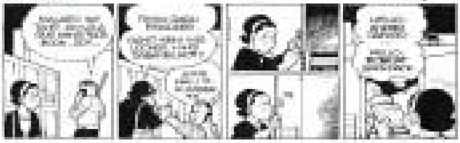
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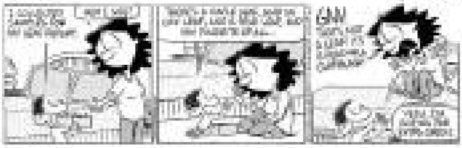


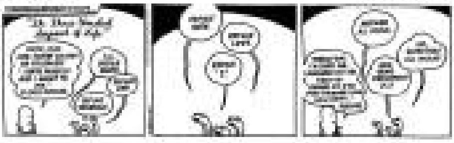
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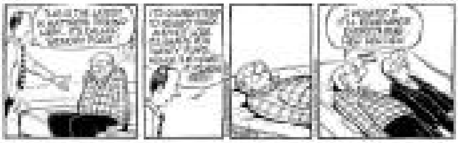


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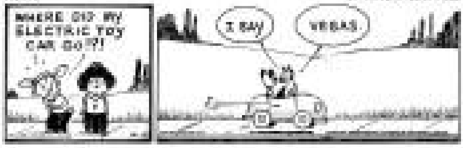




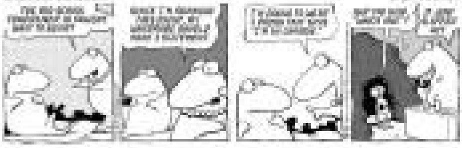
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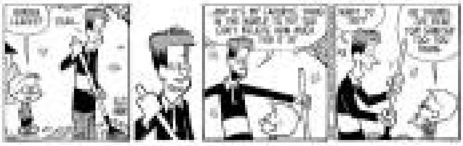
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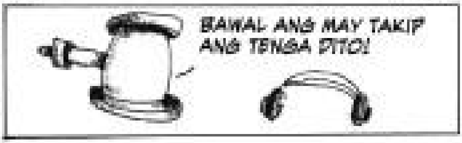
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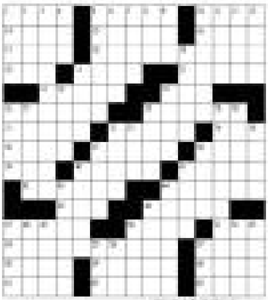
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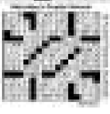
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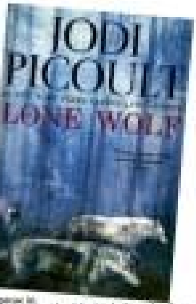
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Jodi Picoult's new novel dances with wolves

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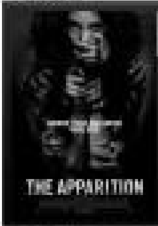
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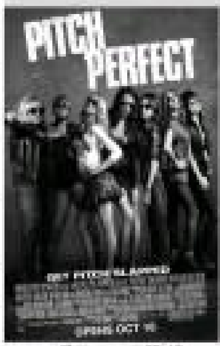
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Dingdong believes the 'aswang' folklore

DOLLY WOOD



Dolly Anne Carvajal

DINGDONG Dantes has every reason to be proud of his movie "Tiktik (The Aswang Chronicles)," which we at the Cinema Evaluation Board have given a "B" rating.

"My Agostodos Pictures decided to partner with GMA Films, Reality Entertainment, Mothership and Post Manila," said Dingdong, endorser of Belo Men. "I believe this project is a breakthrough in terms of CGI technology in the country. I haven't seen an aswang but I believe there are such creatures. It is close to my imagination, from all the stories told to me as a child. 'Tiktik' refers to the type of aswang that perches on rooftops, waiting to have the first taste of a pregnant woman's fetus."

As far as another kind of aswang (as a switched mistress to be snatched by another woman) is concerned, Dong clarified that his girlfriend Marian Rivera had nothing to worry about rumors linking him to Isabella [illegible].

"Our foundation is strong enough, so [illegible]," he said. [illegible]

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ANGELICA Panganiban (above)

To the rescue

[illegible] came to the defense [illegible] "She's not the type who would fall for someone who's already taken. Dong and Marian are a perfect couple. They look good together. [illegible]" Ahh, Mommy Pinty!

Open secret

Angelica Panganiban posted a collage of her "happy pose" pics on her Instagram with this caption: "The best things in life are unseen. That's why we close our eyes when we kiss, cry and dream. This time, I prefer to open my eyes so I can see you. Thank You for the happiness."

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'Harana' wins in Busan

CHEER FACTOR

Bayani San Diego Jr.

3 nods in Asia-Pacific awards

It's a first for Pinoy films and nominees are 'happy, proud' for the country

By Bayani San Diego Jr.



Among the best

Not just poverty

The best James Bonds

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Nestor U. Torre

3 finalists



Dingdong believes . . .

Cool dad

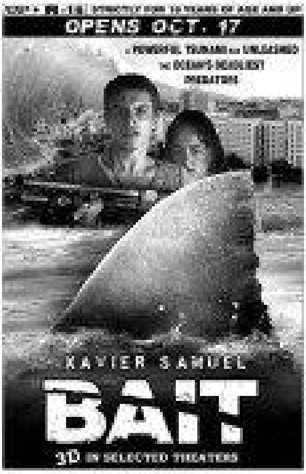
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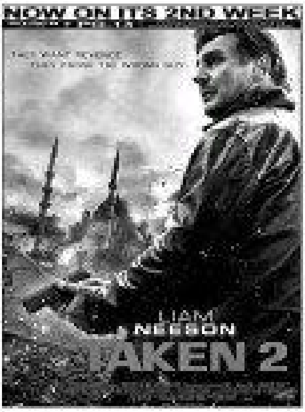
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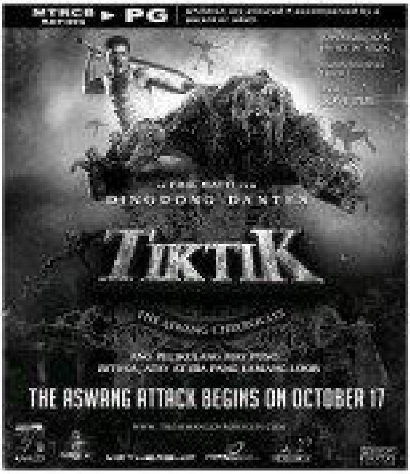
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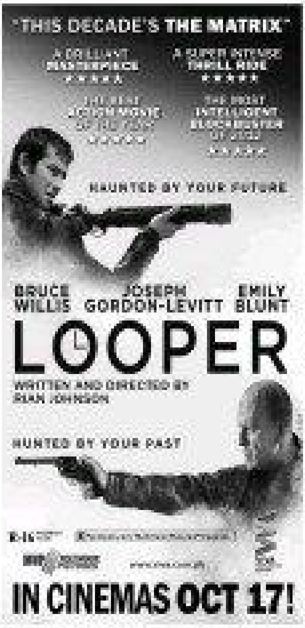














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SIGNALAS Soledad Rosendo, asked during a gathering at Hotel Care Centers on starting a family: "We'll be very busy ... but a baby would be very much welcome." Marinel R. Cruz

HEARD

Show biz, politics, sports in Bong's b-day bash

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
Photos by Rodel Rotoni

ACTOR-politician Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr. turned 45 in high style with a party that gathered revelers from the worlds of show biz, politics and even sports.

The bash was held on the eve of his actual birthday (Sept. 25) at the Diamond Hotel in Manila.

World boxing champ Manny Pacquiao led the well-wishers, who included basketball legends Robert Jaworski Sr. and Ricky Co.

Also present were Revilla's political colleagues—Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile, Sen. Jinggoy Estrada and former senators Richard Gordon, Ernesto Maceda and Juan Miguel Zubiri, former House Speaker Jose de Venecia and Rep. JV Ejercito.

PARTY! PARTY!

Show biz was represented by Regal producer Lily Monteverde, MotherLily/Regal Books Roselle Monteverde, MTRCB chief Mary Grace Poe-Llamanzares, Solar boss Wilson Tieng, GMA execs Marissa Angeles and Redgie Magno, Tape Inc.'s Tony Tuviera and Malou Choa-Fagar, actors Phillip Salvador, Lorna Tolentino, Laurice Guillen, Nora Romero, Sam Pinto, Ara Cortez, Eddie Gutierrez, Alvin Anson, John Estrada, Jon Venecacion, Bayani Agbayani, Efren Reyes Jr., Tirso Cruz III, King Gutierrez, Tito Sotto and Vic Sotto and talent managers Lolit Solis and Ethel Ramos, among others.

Rep. Lani Mercado, Sen. Bong's wife, welcomed guests, along with his children and siblings. But as far as the birthday boy was concerned, the biggest VIP guest was his father, former Sen. Ramon Revilla Sr.

"My dad was on the verge of tears... happy to be reunited with old friends from the Senate," Bong said.

Mercado performed two disco tunes, "Last Dance" and "I Will Survive." In turn, Bong serenaded his wife with the ballads "She" and "The Way You Look Tonight."

As the celebration promised to go on until the wee hours, Revilla announced: "No one is allowed to go home unless he's all have fun."

His guests were only too happy to comply.

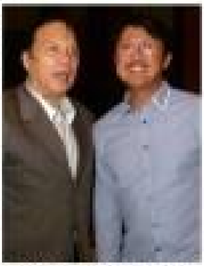

BIRTHDAY boy blows out the candles: "What else he asked for?"


HIZZ and Audrey Zubiri

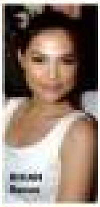

JOSE de Venecia and Ernesto Maceda


RAMON Sr. (left), is the top VIP guest, as far as the host is concerned.


BONG serenades wife Lani Mercado


HARDCOURT legends Robert Jaworski Sr. (left) and Ricky Co


CRISTINA and Juan Ponce Enrile


IWAH Romero


PHILIPPINE ...


JORGE Reyes (left) and Jon Venecacion


KING Gutierrez, Ricci Cortez, Tirso Cruz III


FROM left: Tollo brothers Vico and Keffy, Phillip Salvador, Efren Reyes Jr.


US AMBASSADOR Harry K. Thomas Jr.

NEW DAY FOR LEARNING
Beginning next week, this section will be coming out every Tuesday instead of Monday. See you Oct. 23!

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Achievers by the dozen: Caring for Earth has its rewards for these college students



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PUP alumnus is Metrobank outstanding teacher awardee

CITHM bags two-peat win in grand culinary championship

TIP student wins grand prize in Petron photography tilt

Letran elementary students score in CMLI convention

BRIEFS

UE librarians' assembly, forum and workshop slated

TESOL certificate course for teachers opens in November

GCIC holds two-part counseling skills training

PWU to expand facilities at QC satellite school

CEU opens Cebu campus, conducts PACE training

UP inks information system contract with ePLDT and partners

Ateneo HS holds 'Astra' concert for Katipunan Fund Drive

Member Schools

Father of Xaverians



Longest-serving director

Dream realized



FR. ISMAEL G. ZULOAGA, S.J.

2013 UP Jubilarians' meeting on Oct. 16

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Meeting tackles science education

Conference on sociology and social transformations Oct. 22-24

Cebu hosts Pafte's 41st annual convention

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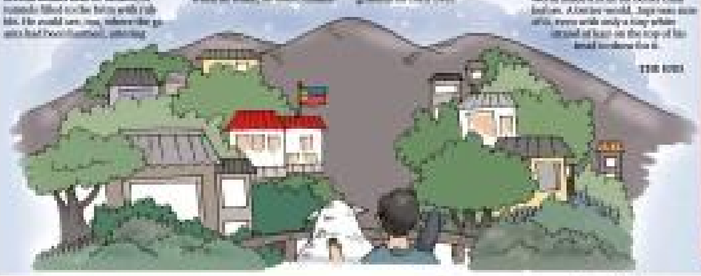


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Chapter 6: Miracles

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